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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

NARR:

BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON HAD JUST WEATHERED ONE OF THE WORST STORMS OF HIS POLITICAL CAREER -- WITH LIBERALS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DEFECTING MOMENTARILY, DENYING HIM HIS CONTROVERSIAL CURE FOR THE COUNTRY'S INFLATION -- AND THEN SURVIVING A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY PULLING THOSE LIBERALS BACK INTO HIS SHAKY COALITION. THE FACT THAT HE HAD WON THAT VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, A VOTE HE HIMSELF HAD CALLED FOR, MADE HIS NEXT MOVE ALL THE MORE SURPRISING -- AFTER BREAKFAST AND A FEW BRIEF MEETINGS TUESDAY MORNING, THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER PULLED ON HIS COAT, WENT TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE AND TOLD QUEEN ELIZABETH HE WOULD RESIGN.

THE MOVE, HE SAID, WAS THE RESULT OF A PROMISE HE HAD MADE TO HIMSELF IN MARCH NINETEEN SEVENTY-FOUR -- ONE WHICH HE HAD REVEALED TO THE QUEEN EARLY LAST DECEMBER -- TO SERVE FOR ONLY TWO MORE YEARS. ALTHOUGH PHYSICALLY FIT AND FULLY CONFIDENT THAT HIS LABOR GOVERNMENT'S PRESCRIPTIONS WILL ONE DAY WIPE OUT BRITAIN'S REPUTATION AS THE SICK MAN OF EUROPE, MISTER WILSON SAID SIMPLY THAT AT THE AGE OF SIXTY, HE HAD SERVED LONG ENOUGH.

TAPE: CUT ONE -- WILSON -- :30

"I'VE INTENDED TO DO THIS FOR SOME TIME. IN THE FIRST PLACE, I'M THE LONGEST SERVING PRIME MINISTER IN PEACETIME THIS CENTURY IN BRITAIN, AND IT'S TIME TO GIVE WAY TO SOMEONE ELSE. I'VE GOT THE MOST TALENTED, EXPERIENCED TEAM -- EVEN OUR OPPONENTS CONCEDE THAT -- AND I THINK IF I CLUNG TO OFFICE TOO LONG THEY WOULDN'T GET A CHANCE, ON AGE GROUNDS AND OTHER GROUNDS." (QUESTION) "YOU DON'T ACCEPT (THE ARGUMENT) THAT THE COUNTRY NEEDS YOUR LEADERSHIP NOW?" (ANSWER) "I DON'T BELIEVE IN THE DOCTRINE OF PERSONAL INDISPENSIBILITY IN POLITICS. COUNTRIES THAT HAVE STARTED BELIEVING THAT ARE IN REAL TROUBLE."

NARR:

MISTER WILSON'S RESIGNATION DELIGHTED SOME OF HIS OPPONENTS -- BUT PROMPTED A WAVE OF CONCERN THROUGHOUT THE REST OF WESTERN EUROPE. WEST GERMANY'S NEWSPAPER DIE WELT SUMMED UP MUCH OF THE SENTIMENT EXPRESSED ON THE CONTINENT BY NOTING THAT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN BRITAIN AND ELSEWHERE WERE TOO SERIOUS TO PERMIT THE LUXURY OF A POWER STRUGGLE IN LONDON.

BY THE WEEKEND, HALF-A-DOZEN MEMBERS OF MISTER WILSON'S CABINET HAD ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACIES -- AND BALLOTING AMONG LABOR PARTY MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WAS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.

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(OPT) IF BRITAIN'S ECONOMY APPEARED TO BE IN TROUBLE THIS WEEK, OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE IN NO BETTER SHAPE. AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF UNCERTAINTY, FRANCE DECIDED TO FLOAT THE FRANC AGAINST OTHER EUROPEAN CURRENCIES. IN PARIS, FINANCE MINISTER JEAN PIERRE FOURCADE SAID THE MOVE WAS NOT THE RESULT OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AT HOME, BUT WAS INSTEAD THE RESULT OF SPECULATION ON EUROPEAN MONEY MARKETS PROMPTED BY THE SLUMPING BRITISH POUND AND ITALIAN LIRA. THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ITALY PROMPTED THE ROME GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE A

DECREE OUTLINING SHARP AUSTERITY MEASURES -- AND BROUGHT POLITICAL LEADERS TOGETHER TO REVIEW THE SITUATION, INCLUDING, FOR THE FIRST TIME, COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF ENRICO BERLINGUER. BY WEEK'S END, THE AUSTERITY MEASURES HAD PUSHED THE LIRA UP SLIGHTLY, BUT OTHER CURRENCIES -- THE WEST GERMAN MARK, THE DUTCH GUILDER, THE BELGIAN FRANC, THE AMERICAN DOLLAR, THE CROWNS OF SWEDEN, NORWAY AND DENMARK -- ALL HAD DROPPED SHARPLY ON MONEY MARKETS. IN NEW YORK, A UNITED NATIONS SURVEY SAID EUROPEAN ECONOMIES HUNG IN THE BALANCE BETWEEN RECOVERY AND STAGNATION, AND WHILE PREDICTING A DROP IN THE RATE OF INFLATION WITHIN THE COMMON MARKET, THE SURVEY PREDICTED ONLY SLUGGISH GROWTH -- WITH A RATE OF EXPANSION THIS YEAR OF NO MORE THAN THREE PERCENT. (END OPT)

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FROM LONDON, WASHINGTON, MOSCOW AND PEKING...FROM CAIRO, RAIPINDI, TOKYO AND BUCHAREST THIS WEEK CAME THE MESSAGES OF SUPPORT AT THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE. THAT GOVERNMENT THE WEEK BEFORE HAD CLOSED ITS BORDER WITH RHODESIA -- CUTTING OFF SALISBURY'S TRADE ROUTES TO THE SEA. THE ACTION HAD COME IN SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST THE BREAK-AWAY BRITISH COLONY, AND NOW MOZAMBIQUE WAS SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF THE U-N. AN APPEAL FOR FORTY-NINE MILLION DOLLARS IN AID WAS PRESENTED IN A SPECIAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, AS MOZAMBIQUE'S FOREIGN MINISTER JOACHIM ALBERTO CHISSANO EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS.

TAPE: CUT TWO -- CHISSANO -- 1.25

"THE MINORITY REGIME OF IAN SMITH IS NOT ONLY CHALLENGING UNITED NATIONS PRINCIPLES AND RESOLUTIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL -- BUT ALSO THREATENS

INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THE ARMED STRUGGLE WAGED BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE IS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE BLIND INTRANSIGENCE OF SMITH'S MINORITY REGIME. IN THE LIGHT OF THE NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE O-A-U AND THE UNITED NATIONS REAFFIRMING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE AND CALLING ON ALL NATIONS TO HELP THAT STRUGGLE OF ZIMBABWE, MOZAMBIQUE CANNOT HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVE BUT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. MISTER PRESIDENT, WE IN MOZAMBIQUE BELIEVE THAT OUR LIBERATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE WHILE BROTHER PEOPLES IN AFRICA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD CONTINUE TO BE DOMINATED, HUMILIATED AND EXPLOITED. WE WILL, THEREFORE, NOT FAIL TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE IN THEIR STRUGGLE UNTIL VICTORY IS WON."

NARR:

FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO APPEALED FOR AID TO REPLACE THE REVENUE LOST BY THE CLOSING OF THE BORDER WITH RHODESIA. AFTER TWO DAYS OF DEBATE, THE FIFTEEN COUNCIL MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A RESOLUTION CALLING ON MEMBER STATES TO GRANT SUCH AID. THE RESOLUTION WAS WARMLY ENDORSED BY SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM.

TAPE: CUT THREE -- WALDHEIM -- :32

"LET ME ASSURE THE COUNCIL THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO ORGANIZE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED A FEW MINUTES AGO. I WILL CERTAINLY UNDERTAKE THIS TASK IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, AND IN COLLABORATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM."

NARR:

(OPT) THE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION THIS WEEK CAME AS ONE MORE REBUFF TO THE ALREADY BELEAGUERED WHITE MINORITY REGIME OF IAN SMITH -- CAST OUT BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR ITS RACIAL POLICIES, AND CUT OFF BY ALL BUT A FEW NATIONS FROM WORLD COMMERCE AND TRADE. INTERVIEWED IN SALISBURY, PRIME MINISTER SMITH WAS OPENLY BITTER ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF OTHER NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES. HE WAS ASKED WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE WASHINGTON TO DO.

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- SMITH -- :25

"I WOULD LIKE THEM TO GIVE US A CHANCE. AND THE FREE WORLD. IF THEY STOP TRYING TO TRIP US UP, THAT'S ALL, IF THEY JUST GIVE US A CHANCE -- 'LET'S SEE IF THE RHODESIANS CAN SETTLE THEIR PROBLEMS.' I BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD SUCCEED. BUT THEY'RE NOT ALLOWING US TO. THEY'RE INTERFERING WITH US. THEY'RE PULLING US BACK. THEY'RE INTERFERING WITH OUR ECONOMY."

NARR:

BUT AT THE UNITED NATIONS, TAKING PART IN THE SEEMINGLY ONE-SIDED DEBATE, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TAPLEY BENNET SAID WASHINGTON WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA -- AND WOULD JOIN IN SUPPORTING MOZAMBIQUE.

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- BENNET -- :38

"MISTER PRESIDENT, MY GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE IN OFFSETTING THE HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDENS THAT IT WILL INCUR BY CLOSING ITS BORDER WITH RHODESIA. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS UNEQUIVOCAL IN ITS SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO BRING AN END TO THE REBELLION IN RHODESIA. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT MAJORITY RULE IS A VITAL AND URGENT NECESSITY IN RHODESIA."

NARR:

EFFORTS TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA APPARENTLY WERE GIVEN A SETBACK AT WEEK'S END -- AS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER SMITH AND BLACK NATIONALIST LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO WERE BROKEN OFF. A JOINT STATEMENT SAID THE POST-PONEMENT OF FURTHER TALKS WOULD GIVE BOTH SIDES TIME FOR CONSULTATION. THE TALKS HAVE FOCUSED ON A DEMAND BY MISTER NKOMO FOR IMMEDIATE MAJORITY RULE -- A DEMAND THAT HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY REFUSED BY MISTER SMITH.

WHETHER OR NOT HIS WHITE-MINORITY GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA -- AND A RULING PARTY SPOKESMAN THIS WEEK REPEATED THAT THE WHITE POPULATION WOULD NEVER ACCEPT IT -- THE EVENTS OF THE PAST SEVEN DAYS SEEMED TO DRIVE ANOTHER WEDGE BETWEEN RHODESIA AND MOST OF THE REST OF THE

WORLD -- AND DID NOTHING TO LESSEN THE DANGER OF A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE COUNTRY'S BLACK MAJORITY AND THE RULING WHITE MINORITY.

THE CONFRONTATION IN LEBANON THIS WEEK, BETWEEN SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS OF PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANJIEH, THREATENED TO TOUCH OFF ANOTHER ROUND OF FACTIONAL WARFARE IN THAT BATTERED COUNTRY. RESISTING PRESSURE FROM MOSLEM ELEMENTS DEMANDING HIS RESIGNATION, MISTER FRANJIEH -- A CHRISTIAN -- VOICED HIS DETERMINATION TO REMAIN IN OFFICE. SYRIAN-BACKED NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT CONTINUED, BUT THE MAN WHO HAD PROCLAIMED HIMSELF MILITARY GOVERNOR OF LEBANON THE WEEK BEFORE -- GENERAL ABDEL AZIZ AL-ADHAB -- TOLD NEWSMEN THAT A MILITARY SOLUTION HAD NOT BEEN RULED OUT. FIERCE FIGHTING BETWEEN OPPOSING POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS CAUSED DOZENS OF DEATHS AND INJURIES -- AND AT WEEK'S END, PREMIER RASHID KARAMI AND TWO OTHER LEBANESE LEADERS BARELY ESCAPED DEATH AS THE PLANE THEY WERE ABOUT TO BOARD FOR DAMASCUS WAS HIT BY ROCKETS. THE THREE MEN WERE UNINJURED -- BUT THE INCIDENT SYMBOLIZED THE UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING LEBANON'S GOVERNMENT, AND THE FUTURE OF THE NATION ITSELF.

ELSEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EGYPT'S PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT SHOCKED THE SOVIET UNION BY ANNOUNCING THAT HE WANTED TO CANCEL THE FIVE-YEAR-OLD FRIENDSHIP TREATY BETWEEN CAIRO AND MOSCOW. THE ACTION, GIVEN QUICK AND ALL BUT UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY EGYPT'S PARLIAMENT, WAS APPARENTLY PROMPTED BY MOSCOW'S REFUSAL TO FILL EGYPTIAN REQUESTS FOR MILITARY HARDWARE, AND TO PROVIDE MORE FAVORABLE TERMS FOR REPAYMENT OF SOVIET LOANS. CHARGING MOSCOW WITH CONDUCTING A CAMPAIGN OF IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

MISTER SADAT SAID THE FRIENDSHIP TREATY WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A SCRAP OF PAPER. BECAUSE OF MOSCOW'S REFUSAL TO SUPPLY SPARE PARTS, HE SAID, EGYPT'S ARSENAL -- NINETY PERCENT SOVIET-MADE -- WOULD BE SCRAP METAL IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS. THE SOVIET UNION QUICKLY DENOUNCED EGYPT'S MOVE, AND CHARGED PRESIDENT SADAT WITH A DELIBERATE DISTORTION OF SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS.

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SOVIET RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES CAME UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY THIS WEEK -- AS SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER APPEARED BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. NOTING THE RECENT SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, AND WARNING AGAINST SIMILAR ACTIONS ELSEWHERE, SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID THE UNITED STATES MUST PURSUE A DUAL POLICY IN ITS DEALINGS WITH MOSCOW.

TAPE: CUT SIX -- KISSINGER -- :36

"WE MUST PRESERVE STABILITY, BUT NOT REST UPON IT. WE MUST RESIST AND DETER ADVENTURISM, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, RESOLVING POLITICAL DISPUTES BY NEGOTIATION, WORKING OUT STABLE AGREEMENTS TO LIMIT STRATEGIC ARMS ON BOTH SIDES, AND WHEN POLITICAL CONDITIONS PERMIT IT, DEVELOPING BILATERAL COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND OTHER FIELDS."

NARR:

BACKING UP SECRETARY KISSINGER'S WARNING AGAINST ADVENTURISM, AND INDICATING UNITED STATES DISMAY OVER SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, THE STATE DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK ANNOUNCED THE POSTPONEMENT OF THREE JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS DEALING WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES, ENERGY COOPERATION AND HOUSING. A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID WASHINGTON COULD NOT PURSUE BUSINESS AS USUAL WITH MOSCOW IN LIGHT OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA -- AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTED

TIME TO ASSESS THE TRENDS IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. OBSERVERS LATER IN THE WEEK NOTED THAT DESPITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE THREE COMMISSIONS, NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONTINUING IN MOSCOW ON NUCLEAR TESTING FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

PEACE IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD WAS THE SUBJECT THIS WEEK OF TALKS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND IRISH REPUBLIC PRIME MINISTER LIAM COSGRAVE. THE TWO LEADERS ENDED THEIR MEETING WITH A JOINT COMMUNIQUE URGING AN END TO VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND -- AND CALLING FOR A HALT TO SUPPORT BY IRISH-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE SUPPLIED MONEY AND GUNS TO TERRORIST GROUPS IN ULSTER. (OPT) MISTER COSGRAVE SPOKE ABOUT THE LATTER PROBLEM EARLIER IN THE WEEK, BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

TAPE: CUT SEVEN -- COSGRAVE -- :40

"THERE ARE IN THIS COUNTRY SOME PEOPLE WHO CONTRIBUTE IN THE MOST DIRECT WAY POSSIBLE TO VIOLENCE IN IRELAND BY SENDING EITHER GUNS OR EXPLOSIVES FOR USE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. A LARGER NUMBER HAVE CONTRIBUTED, THOUGHTLESSLY OR OTHERWISE, TO ORGANIZATIONS NOMINALLY ENGAGED IN RELIEF WORK WHICH HAVE USED THAT MONEY TO BUY GUNS AND EXPLOSIVES FOR USE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. WHAT THEY ARE DOING -- WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVE -- WITH EVERY PENNY, DIME OR DOLLAR THEY GIVE THOUGHTLESSLY FOR SUCH PURPOSE, IS HELPING TO KILL OR MAIM IRISH MEN AND WOMEN OF EVERY RELIGIOUS PERSUASION IN IRELAND." (END OPT)

NARR:

AT WEEK'S END, THE VISITING IRISH PRIME MINISTER BEGAN A TOUR OF MAJOR AMERICAN CITIES, TAKING THE SAME MESSAGE TO IRISH-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS.

THIS WEEK ALSO SAW THE PASSING OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY - A TIME, ESPECIALLY IN AN ELECTION YEAR, WHEN EVERYONE CLAIMS TO BE AT LEAST A WEE BIT IRISH. IN THIS ELECTION YEAR, THE CLAIM WAS MADE -- WITH A BROAD SMILE -- BY PRESIDENT FORD, WHO -- ALONG WITH DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDER JIMMY

CARTER -- COULD AFFORD TO BE HAPPY. BOTH MEN THIS WEEK EMERGED FROM THE ILLINOIS PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION WITH STRONG VICTORIES -- OUTPOLLING THEIR OPPONENTS BY WIDE MARGINS. (OPT) MISTER FORD, WHO HAS YET TO BE BEATEN IN A PRIMARY BY HIS CHALLENGER, FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN, SHOWED INCREASED CONFIDENCE IN THE WAKE OF HIS WIN IN ILLINOIS -- AND THE PRESIDENT'S TOP POLITICAL AIDES QUIETLY URGED THAT MISTER REAGAN STEP OUT OF THE RACE IN THE INTERESTS OF PARTY UNITY. BUT AT A RALLY IN NORTH CAROLINA -- SCENE OF NEXT WEEK'S PRIMARY ELECTION -- MISTER FORD'S CHALLENGER SAID HE HAD NO INTENTION OF DROPPING OUT.

TAPE: CUT EIGHT -- REAGAN -- :35

"NOW I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN WASHINGTON, WHO HAVE BEEN SAYING AT THIS POINT IN TIME THAT I SHOULD BE SILENTLY FOLDING MY TENT AND SLIPPING AWAY. WE'RE ENCOURAGED BY WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE STATES SO FAR, GREATLY ENCOURAGED HERE -- I KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A CLOSE ONE AND A HARD FIGHT -- BUT THERE'S A CHANCE, AND AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, NO TENT-FOLDING AND SLIPPING AWAY, I'LL SEE YOU IN AUGUST AT THE CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY."

NARR:

MISTER REAGAN'S DETERMINATION STOOD IN CONTRAST TO THE DISMAY OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL SARGENT SHRIVER, WHOSE POOR SUPPORT IN THE PRIMARIES CAUSED HIM TO DROP OUT OF THE RACE. THE DEMOCRATIC PICTURE REMAINED JUST AS CLOUDED AS BEFORE, HOWEVER -- AS IDAHO SENATOR FRANK CHURCH ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY, CHARGING THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S LEADERSHIP WAS BASED ON WEAKNESS AND FEAR. SENATOR CHURCH'S CANDIDACY AND THE MUDDY POLITICAL WATERS PROMPTED THE CHAIRMAN OF THEE. DEMOCRATIC PARTY, ROBERT STRAUSS, TO PREDICT THAT NO ONE WOULD BE PICKED AS THE PARTY'S NOMINEE ON THE FIRST BALLOT

AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION LATER THIS YEAR -- AND THAT IT WAS NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHO WOULD WIN THE PARTY'S BACKING TO CHALLENGE PRESIDENT FORD IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. (END OPT)

ANNCR:

(OPT) AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE TOP STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS -----, JOIN US AGAIN NEXT -----, WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS ON "THIS WEEK." (END OPT)

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